

Captain Aaron Storrs House (now  
Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity House)  
6 West Wheelock Street  
Hanover  
Grafton County  
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Address: 6 West Wheelock Street, Hanover, Grafton County,  
New Hampshire.

Present Owner: Pi Chapter, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Dartmouth College,  
Hanover, New Hampshire.

Present Occupant: Pi Chapter, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Dartmouth College,  
Hanover, New Hampshire.

Present Use: Fraternity house.

Brief Statement  
of Significance: This large, frame structure is the oldest known  
surviving house in Hanover, New Hampshire.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: The house was built and originally owned by Captain Aaron Storrs. The present owners acquired the house in 1909.
2. Date of erection: A plaque on the building says the house was erected in 1771, but Morey, Architectural Facts on the Twenty-three Fraternities on this Campus, says the building was erected in 1774.
3. Notes on alterations and additions: The large portico is apparently a later addition. In 1930 the building was extensively remodelled. The building was formerly located on the corner of Main and Wheelock Streets and moved about 300 feet to its present location.
4. References:
  - a. A plaque on the building; (see Part I. B. Supplemental Material).
  - b. Clayton Morey, Architectural Facts on the Twenty-three Fraternities on this Campus (Student Thesis in Carpenter Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, 1947).

- B. Supplemental Material: The following is a complete copy of a plaque on the front wall of the house next to the entrance:

"Hanover's Oldest House

1771

"Built by Capt. Aaron Storrs in 1771. This Structure is the oldest house in Hanover today. Formerly located on the corner of Main and Wheelock Streets, it was moved to its present location. Since 1909 it has been the home of Pi Chapter, Delta Kappa Epsilon."

Prepared by Osmund R. Overby and Henry C. Edwards  
Architects, National Park Service  
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## PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

### A. General Statement

1. Architectural Character: This large, frame structure, the oldest known surviving house in Hanover, New Hampshire, has been altered and remodelled several times.
2. Condition of Fabric: The building is in good condition and well maintained.

### B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: Two and one half story high rectangular building with ell to the rear and open, two story high portico on the front.
2. Wall construction: Timber frame, clapboard siding, corner pilasters.
3. Porches: Two story high, open portico across three-fifths of the width of the front. Paired Doric columns at the front corners, single pilasters at the wall. Pediment-like gable roof over portico, steep pitch, no entablature, moulded horizontal and raking cornices, modillions on raking cornice only. Fan light in pediment.
4. Openings
  - a. Doorways and doors: Eight paneled entrance door with side and transom lights set in Ionic pilastered doorway.
  - b. Windows and shutters: Six light over single light double hung windows. Fixed slat shutters.
5. Roof
  - a. Shape, covering: Gable roof, asphalt shingle covering.
  - b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed eave, moulded trim.

C. Site.

1. General setting and orientation: Building faces north on a narrow lot on a residential street near the Dartmouth campus.
2. Landscaping: Informal - lawn, shrubs and trees.

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